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COUNTRY	Poland	REPORT NO.	
TOPIC	1. KBW in Neustadt, Upper Silesia, and Conditions in the Neustadt - Ziegenhals Border Sector 2. Registration and Induction of the 1933 Class 3. Former German Army Ammunition Depot in Kravnitz and Fuel Depot in Blechhammer		
EVALUATION	25X1	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1
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1. Prior to 20 October 1953, the undamaged old barracks installation located on the southwestern perimeter of Neustadt (P 51/H 93) on the west side of the Linden (P 51/H 93) road, quartered Polish troops wearing blue cap bands and collar patches and khaki uniforms. Source believed that they were KBW internal security troops. [redacted] companies frequently marched out of the installation. All soldiers carried submachine guns. The unit had some six-wheeled trucks and jeeps for alerts. No heavy weapons were observed. The soldiers received training in an area south of the city which extended as far as the northern edge of the Neustadt forest. In summer, a KBW tent camp was near the forest. The training ground included wire entanglements, fire trenches, emplacements, and a dummy town. Except for the target ranges, the old drill ground north of the city was not used. ¹

2. No army personnel or border guard troops were observed in the Neustadt post area prior to 20 October 1953. Detachments of the border guard troops were in the former custom-house in Kunzendorf (P 51/J C3), directly on the border; in Eichhausen (P 51/H 93); in Ziegenhals (P 51/H 83) at the G/ucholazy Miasto (Ziegenhals City) railroad station; in Schoenwalde (P 51/H 83); in Kroeschendorf (P 51/J C3); and in an inn, about 400 meters east of the Dittersdorf (P 51/J C3) railroad station, on the north side of the railroad line. A WOP (border guard troops) headquarters was stationed at Ziegenhals. ² No continuous wire entanglement was in the Neustadt - Ziegenhals border sector in late October 1953. One continuous wire entanglement was near Schoenwalde and another continuous wire entanglement was between Kroeschendorf and Dittersdorf. Southeast of Kunzendorf, the border was marked by a strip of plowed terrain and wooden poles topped by wisps of straw. No guards or obstacles were on the Czech side of this area. Watchtowers were on the Polish side.

3. About five large, bright, silver-painted fuel tanks about 10 meters high and 20 to 25 meters in diameter, inscribed "C P N" (Centrala Produktow Naftowych), were in the Blechhammer (P 51/Y C8) fuel depot prior to October 1953. Tank cars, trucks and tank motor vehicles were in the depot area, which was enclosed by a fence and was guarded by sentries wearing uniforms and carrying arms. Watchtowers were available. The Panstwowa Fabryka Zwiaskow Azotowych (state-run nitrogen plant) was opposite the depot on the north side of the Heydebreck (O 54/L 90) - Gleiwitz (Q 51/Y 37) main railroad line. ³

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4. The former German army ammunition depot in Krappitz (P 51/J 25) was still under reconstruction in October 1953. Workers from Krappitz and the neighboring villages worked there. The area extended almost as far as the Krappitz - Rogau (P 51/J 26) road and was cordoned off by Polish troops wearing red service color. No Polish troops were stationed in Krappitz. 4

5. No regular military recruiting office was stationed in Neustadt in the fall of 1953. The recruiting office for the district was in Neisse (P 51/H 75). Registrations in Neustadt were held in the building of the labor service. The entire 1933 class and members of the 1930 through 1932 classes who had not been inducted were required to appear for registration on 13 September 1953. The recruits were inducted on 17 October 1953.

They had to report to an office in Neisse and were scheduled to work in pits. Individuals who had served their term had not returned to Kunzendorf prior to 20 October 1953.

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1. Comment. The 15th KBW Regt is carried in Neustadt. The present information confirms the unit prior to October 1953.

2. Comment. A battalion headquarters for this sector is presumably stationed at Ziegenhals and is subordinate to the 4th WOP Brig in Gleiwitz.

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4. Comment. The former German army ammunition depot in Krappitz was badly damaged. Reconstruction activities commenced in 1951 and allegedly focus on underground installations.

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